

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

CHRISTOPHER M. PAYNE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KEAGAN GEER, in his individual  
capacity; and DEMETRIA HERMAN,  
in her individual capacity;

Defendants.

**8:23CV427**

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on case management. The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure require that a defendant serve an answer to a complaint “within 21 days after being served with the summons and complaint.” [Fed. R. Civ. P. 12\(a\)](#).

The Clerk of the Court issued a summons to Demetria Herman (“Herman”) on October 25, 2024. [Filing No. 11](#). On January 3, 2025, copies of the process receipts and returns were filed by the Marshals Service showing that the summons was delivered on November 8, 2024. [Filing No. 17](#). Although served, Herman has not filed an answer or any other responsive pleading. Accordingly, to progress this matter,

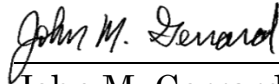
**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Plaintiff shall have until **February 24, 2025**, to file a motion for default judgment against Defendant Herman. Such motion shall fully comply with [Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55](#) and Nebraska Civil Rule [55.1](#).

2. The Clerk of the Court is directed to set a pro se case management deadline in this case using the following text: **February 24, 2025**: deadline for filing motion for default judgment against Defendant Herman.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2025.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John M. Gerrard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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John M. Gerrard  
Senior United States District Court  
Judge